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- 1. US, UK, FRENCH DELOFFS MET DISCUSS NEXT STEPS RE ITEM. GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS THAT THERE NO PROCEDURAL PLOYS WE COULD ENGINEER IN PLENARY TO AVOID CREATION OF COMITE. GROUP FURTHER AGREED RECOMMEND WE VOTE AGAINST RESOLUTION BUT NOT SPEAK UNLESS STATEMENTS OF OTHERS FORCED US DO SO.
- 2. GROUP DISCUSSED QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN AD HOC COMITE. STEEL (UK) SAID HMG INCLINED TO PARTICIPATE. DELOFF SAID WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT ANTICIPATED THAT WE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO PARTICIPATE. JEANNEL (FRANCE) SAID FRANCE WOULD BE WILLING TO DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE BUY ONLY IF US, UK, USSR WILLING.
- 3. GROUP AGREED THAT WE SHOULD INSIST ON ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION FOR WEO'S IN COMITE (A) SO THAT ITALY, SPAIN AND FRG COULD BE OFFSET BY OTHERS IN WEO GROUP WHO OPPOSE REVIEW, (B) AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE SO POSITION OF WEST (PRINCIPLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT) IN UN NOT FURTHER ERODED. GROUP AGREED RECOMMEND TO RESPECTIVE CAPITALS THAT WE TAKE POSITION 8 WEOS OUT OF 32 IS THE MINIMUM WE CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL ACCEPT AND THAT WE WOULD SEE NO PURPOSE IN PARTICI-

PATING IN COMITE WITH LESS THAN 8 (INCLUDING US, UK, FRANCE) OUT OF 32 IN LIGHT WEO PERCENTAGES IN OTHER RELEVANT BODIES SUCH AS SC, AGGRESSION COMITE, GENERAL COMITE.

4. IN SEPARATE MEETING OF US, UK, FRENCH, USSR DELOFFS SOVIETS REITERATED THEIR WILLINGNESS STAY OUT OF COMITE IF OTHER THREE DID AND SAID THEIR VERY PRELIMINARY WORKING LEVEL THOUGHT WAS TO JUST VOTE NO IN PLENARY AND LEAVE IT AT THAT. THEY SAID THEY WOULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT RE SERVING ON COMITE FOR TIME BEING. COMMENT: WE DID NOT DISCUSS DETAILS OF OUR VIEWS RE WEO PERCENTAGES BEYOND NOTING THAT WE WERE INCLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN "A REASONABLY COMPOSED COMITE". OUR REASON FOR URGING THEM TO REMAIN NONCOMMITAL WAS TO RETAIN CREDIBILITY OF THREAT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IF WEST NOT GIVEN 8 SEATS. END COMMENT.

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